

California Advisory Committee on Geographic Names (CACGN)

Minutes

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Hybrid Public Meeting

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* Indicates cases that were considered simultaneously with one or more proposals (details provided below).

1. Call to Order – Chair Richard Lis, Department of Fish and Wildlife

Roll was called.

Committee Members: 7 of 8 voting members were present

Present

- ✓ Department of Fish and Wildlife (**Richard Lis**)
- ✓ Department of Conservation (**Amy Loeth**)
- ✓ Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (**Tiffany Meyer**)
- ✓ Native American Heritage Commission (**Raymond Hitchcock**)
- ✓ Department of Water Resources (**Mary Simmerer**)
- ✓ Department of Parks and Recreation (**Jim Newland**)
- ✓ California State Library (**Rebecca Wendt** for Greg Lucas)

Absent

- ✓ California African American Museum (**Susan Anderson**)

Ex-Officio Members:

Present

- ✓ California Natural Resources Agency (**Geneva E. B. Thompson**, Assistant Secretary for Tribal Affairs)
- ✓ Assemblymember Reginald Byron Jones-Sawyer, Sr., Legislative Black Caucus (**Sarah Meza** for Assemblymember)

Absent

- ✗ Department of Transportation (Nailah Pope-Harden); Select Committee on Native American Affairs (Asm. James C. Ramos); Latino Legislative Caucus (Asm. Luz Rivas); Asian Pacific Islander Legislative Caucus (Asm. Ash Kalra); Legislative LGBTQ Caucus (Sen. Susan Eggman); Tribal Advisor to the Office of the Governor (Christina Snider-Ashtari); Legislative Women’s Caucus (Designee TBD)

Federal Advisors:

Present

- ✓ United States Forest Service (**Rich Spradling**)
- ✓ United States Geological Survey (**Drew Decker**)

Absent

- ✗ United States Bureau of Land Management (Elizabeth Meyer-Shields and Somer Shaw); National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (Jeffrey Ferguson); National Park Service (Amanda B. Kaplan)

Emeritus Advisors:

Present

- ✓ **Jim Trumbly**, former Chair, retired, State Parks
- ✓ **Will Patterson**, past member, California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ✓ **Brian Moran**, United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service

Absent

- ✗ Clayton Guiraud, past member, Department of Water Resources
- ✗ Carol Ostergren, United States Geological Survey

Non-committee guests:

Meagan Flier, Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs and Acting CACGN Manager, CA Natural Resources Agency; Matt O'Donnell (US Board on Geographic Names [US BGN]); Shelby Bourquein (US BGN); Jenny Runyon (US BGN)

2. Agenda Changes

No changes to report.

3. Minutes Approved for March 8, 2024, Meeting

Committee members requested more time to review and committed to approving via email.

4. Announcements

a) Assembly Bill 2022 Next Steps and Tentative Timeline

Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs and Acting CACGN Manager, Meagan Flier, gave a brief overview of CACGN's progress to date with respect to Assembly Bill 2022 implementation. She noted that the deadline for public agencies to submit replacement names to CACGN is August 6, 2024, the Committee would decide later in the meeting on the exact timing for the Assembly Bill-2022 specific CACGN meetings, and that Assembly Bill 2022 mandates that all "sq_"-named places and features be replaced by January 1, 2025.

b) COGNA Meeting (September 16-19, 2024, Columbia, Missouri)

A brief announcement was made that the Council of Geographic Names Authorities (COGNA) will be hosting its annual conference from September 16-19 in Columbia, Missouri.

c) Miscellaneous Items

Representatives from the US BGN provided several updates for past and ongoing pertinent federal work:

- US BGN staff introduced Shellie Zahniser as the new Executive Secretary of the Domestic Names Committee
- US BGN staff expressed a desire to check in with CACGN and CNRA staff soon to discuss policies and upcoming cases.
- Walker Ridge in the Berryessa Snow Mountain National Monument was changed to Molok Luyuk, which means “condor ridge” on May 2nd. This action was completed via a presidential executive order and broader effort to expand the National Monument. See the following for additional information: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2024/05/02/a-proclamation-on-expanding-the-berryessa-snow-mountain-national-monument-2024/>.

5. Actions made by U.S. BGN since March 8, 2024

If Case Status identifies the recommendation as CACGN, then the case is still pending U.S. BGN decision. (Source: https://d9-wret.s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/assets/palladium/production/s3fs-public/media/files/DNC%20863_Apr11%202024_Minutes.pdf; Accessed 2024.06.26.)

- a) Proposed Name:** Poš Creek
- Feature Type: Stream
 - County: Ventura
 - Review List: 451
 - BGN Decision Date: April 11, 2024
 - Case Status: ***BGN Approved***

- b) Proposed Name:** ǰanwa Flat
- Feature Type: Flat
 - County: Ventura
 - Review List: 451
 - BGN Decision Date: April 11, 2024
 - Case Status: ***BGN Approved***

- c) **Proposed Name:** **xutaš Spring**
- Feature Type: Spring
- County: Ventura
- Review List: 451
- BGN Decision Date: April 11, 2023
- Case Status: **BGN Approved**

6. CACGN Decisions

Following committee discussion of each proposed name, public comments were accepted for up to three minutes each from proponents, public officials, and the general public.

- a) **Proposed Name:** **Salamander Creek**
- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Creek
- County: Humboldt
- Review List: 450
- Case Presenter: Rebecca Wendt for Greg Lucas
- Case Status: Voted:
*Recommend Disapproval _6_
Recommend Approval _0_
Abstain _1_ / Absent _1_*
- Recommendation: **Recommend Disapproval**

Recommendation basis: No compelling reason to adopt the name. Lack of community support and input from potentially affected California Native American tribes.

Public comment: None

7. Proposals Deferred for Future CACGN Decision

The following proposals were deferred for future CACGN discussion and decision:

- a) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk**
- Current Name: Little Stonewall Peak
 - Feature Type: Peak
 - County: San Diego
 - Review List: 446
- b) **Proposed Name:** **Ipuk Spiruk Creek**
- Current Name: Little Stonewall Creek
 - Feature Type: Creek
 - County: San Diego
 - Review List: 446
- c) **Proposed Name:** **Cush-Pii**
- Current Name: Stonewall Peak
 - Feature Type: Peak
 - County: San Diego
 - Review List: 446
- d) **Proposed Name:** **Cush-Pii Creek**
- Current Name: Stonewall Creek
 - Feature Type: Creek
 - County: San Diego
 - Review List: 446
- e) **Proposed Name:** **Boomer Creek**
- Current Name: N/A
 - Feature Type: Creek
 - County: Santa Cruz
 - Review List: 452
- f) **Proposed Name:** **Klamath Straits and Klamath Strait Drain Outlet**
- Current Name: Klamath Straits Drain
 - Feature Type: Canal
 - County: Klamath and Siskiyou
 - Review List: 452
- g) **Proposed Name:** **Fifth of July Hill**
- Current Name: N/A
 - Feature Type: Hill
 - County: San Bernardino

- Review List: 453

h) Proposed Name: Hoot Owl Lake

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Lake
- County: Nevada
- Review List: 453

i) Proposed Name: mxqawlay'ba knowin xyoykith

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Ridge
- County: Lake
- Review List: 453

j) Proposed Name: Uypi Creek

- Current Name: N/A
- Feature Type: Creek
- County: Santa Cruz
- Review List: 454

k) Proposed Name: Curran Canyon and Curran Creek

- Current Name: Kern Canyon and Kern Creek
- Feature Type: Canyon and Creek
- County: Stanislaus
- Review List: 454

8. New Proposals on Pending Review Lists to be Introduced

The following lists new proposals on pending review lists to be introduced for future assignment and CACGN consideration:

- a) **Proposed Name:** **Konocti**
 - Current Name: Kelseyville
 - Feature Type: Populated place (unincorporated)
 - County: Lake County
 - Review List: 454

- b) **Proposed Name:** **Mitchell Ridge**
 - Current Name: N/A
 - Feature Type: Ridge
 - County: Contra Costa
 - Review List: 455

- c) **Proposed Name:** **Sacred Buttes**
 - Current Name: Sutter Buttes
 - Feature Type: Butte
 - County: Sutter
 - Review List: 455

- d) **Proposed Name:** **Skate Island**
 - Current Name: N/A
 - Feature Type: Island
 - County: Humboldt
 - Review List: 455

9. Time and Place of Next Meetings:

Proposed Fall CACGN - Assembly Bill 2022 meeting date:

November 14, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Proposed Fall CACGN meeting date:

November 15, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Proposed Second Fall CACGN - Assembly Bill 2022 meeting date:

December 6, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

Proposed Spring CACGN meeting date:

March 7, 2024, 10:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

10. General Public Comment

General public comment was received from 10 persons, each commenting on the Kelseyville to Konocti name proposal and indicating support or opposition to the name proposal.

11. Adjourn